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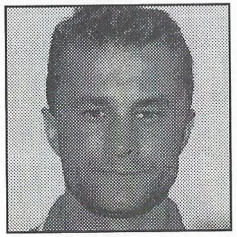

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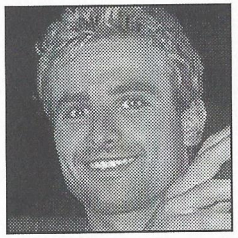

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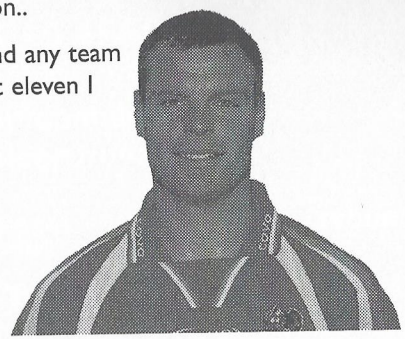
From the Coach's Mouth

I think today is one of the most important games of year due to the fact that we are running into the finals. We have to get a win today to help the boys, team morale and confidence coming into the finals.

Last weeks results certainly took a bit of pressure off us, particularly the Adelaide result. But in hindsight we shouldn,t worry about other team,s results, just our own.

In terms of injuries I,m the only one struggling at the moment with a groin injury. Horvat, Cervinski and Lapsansky are all available now and Kiratzoglou and Porter return after missing the Marconi match through suspension..

Finals games are a completely different situation and any team in the six can win. On the park if we have our best eleven I think we can compete with anybody.



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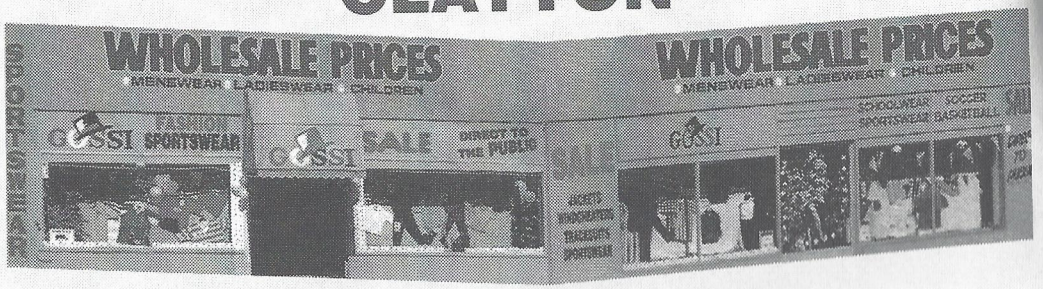

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Knights news

Saints to play @ Knights Stadium

St Albans Saints will be playing their final five home matches at Knights Stadium as of Sunday 6 May, 2001 when they tackle Bulleen Zebras.

The Saints weighed up a number of options as the finals series draw near, including Olympic Park, however Knights Stadium proved the most financially viable option for the Saints.

With the Victorian Premier League season at the midway point, the Saints are in second position behind Heidelberg United and are staking a serious claim for the minor premiership.

The VPL top 5 is slowly sorting itself out and the Saints have arguably been the most dangerous side in the competition under the careful guidance of Coach Peter Crocker.

St Albans fixtures @ Knights Stadium:

Round 13
Sunday 6 May, 2001
St Albans v Bulleen
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 15
Sunday 20 May, 2001
St Albans v Altona Magic
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 17
Sunday 10 June, 2001
St Albans v Preston Lions
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 19
Sunday 24 June, 2001
St Albans v Essendon Royals
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 21
Sunday 7 July, 2001
St Albans v Bentleigh Greens
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Knights reach 500

Melbourne Knights Soccer Club played its 500th match against Perth Glory a fortnight ago, and will play its 502nd match today against Newcastle United.

The Knights are equal fifth on the all time list, on equal games with Sydney United, and narrowly behind South Melbourne, Marconi, Adelaide City Force and Sydney Olympic, who have all played over 600 NSL games.

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1. Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
2. All spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the final game.
3. Police may be requested to remove any unauthorised persons who remain after the stipulated time.
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Around the Grounds

The seniors have had a mixed bag of results with 1 win, 1 draw and a loss. Last week Chelsea drew to Banyule City nil-all in awkward conditions.

Adam Jelic is set to return in the coming weeks from injury whilst a number of National Youth League signings could also be on the cards.

Line up vs. Banyule:
J. Klarica, T. Golic, A. Vulic (T. Grskovic), M. Dzaferovski, A. Macinkovic, R. Kapulica, D. Pincic (G. Pincic), A. Raiz, J. Fleming (J. Petruzalek), J. Ivanusic, M. Milicevic.

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2001:

Saturday June 9 – Miss Chelsea Hajduk dinner dance feat. Zagreb
Saturday July 28 – Youth Dance feat. Magla
Saturday Aug 18 – 20th Anniversary Gala Ball
Saturday Sept 29 – Presentation night feat. Major Minor

*All functions will be held at the Croatian Catholic Centre, Springvale.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

There is an upcoming Monthly luncheon on Sunday the 6th of May commencing at 1pm at the North Geelong clubrooms at Elcho Park, Gibbons Rd, Lara. For only $10 a generous three-course meal will be served while the bar is open for any beverages that may entice you.

For the kids, there will be a jumping castle as always and the billiard table will be in operation throughout the day. Bring the family, the kids and any friends who want to experience a friendly culture while having the day off. Hope to see you there.

NTH GEELONG SOCCER CLUB COMMITTEE

NORTH GEELONG WARRIORS YOUTH' DANCE

The North Geelong Warriors Youth will be hosting a Youth Dance at the North Geelong clubrooms on Saturday the 19th of May. Popular Croatian band **'MAGLA'** and a DJ will be providing all the entertainment on the night.
Tickets are only $15 per person, which includes a light supper.
Further details regarding the Youth Dance and reservation of tickets are available by contacting **Petar Levar on: 0409 410 599 or Maria Sesar on: 0412 715 076.**

The seniors have had a rough trot of late, collecting only 1 point from their first three games. But this isn't an indication of how they have played for the most part. Opportunities to score have come in abundance, it's just the putting them away is where they are stumbling.

The first game of against Geelong Rangers was a hard fought 1-1 draw, which was quite a good result away from home against an established and well provided for club. A well-taken strike from Ante Krajinovic levelled things up and that is the way things stayed to the final whistle.

Game two saw the team go down in a frustrating performance at home to Elwood 1-0. Again opportunities presented themselves in front of goal, but this time the lack of authority cost the team 3 points when the winning goal was conceded.

Unfortunately it was the same story in the teams latest game which ended in a 2-1 loss away to Broadmeadows United. The team performed well to create the great number of opportunities that it did but they weren't able to put them all away and this cost them 3 points again.

Special mention needs to go out to Ante Stipic who had a stellar game and to also Keeper Jim Tabakis whose saves in the second half saved the team from a more embarrassing score line. No one in the team really played poorly, it was just a case of being swamped in the second half and letting the game get away from them.

The Senior squad for the game consisted of: Tabakis, Malovic, Pervan, Stipic, Tandora, Rastocic, P. Jurcic, Canditto, J. Jelincic, Grgic, Filipovic, Krajinovic, Smolic, Mihovilovic, Dragovic.

The Reserve team has fair a little better on its travels collecting its first points for the season last Saturday with a great win over Broadmeadows 3-2.

Tom Kosor got things on track with a first minute strike that woke the Broady defence from their slumber, and inspired all those that saw it.

The opposition initiated rough tactics but the team held out well from this barrage. Unfortunately whilst the team were ducking punches they conceded two goals. But luckily the depth of the squad came through when two substitutes nailed a few shots on target and cemented the win. Frank Mamic continued his good form on the training track to open his account with the club with is first ever goal for the Bili. But the goal that should be shown on "World Soccer" was the lob over the keeper from club stalwart Tim "Medo" Horvat. Our Aussie friends would describe it as a "rip snorta" and the videotape of the goal is being couriered to Europe's elite clubs for consideration in their purchasing of players period.

A well deserved win which the following gentlemen were responsible for: Cavar, Mihovilovic, Mamic, Horvat, Kosor, F. Jelincic, Beram, Coric, Dostis, Mirt, Jukic, Gojevic, Rehlicki, Smolic.

The second game of the season saw Anthony Smolic put Marshall Soper to shame with a brilliant strike in the first minute but unfortunately the game ended in a 2-1 loss to Elwood. The first game of the season was a shocka that is better left forgotten, a 5-0 defeat away to Geelong Rangers.

Last week's match

Marconi Stallions	0 - 0	Melbourne Knights
20 Michael Turnbull (gk)		20 Lupce Acevski (gk)
3 Mark Babic		2 Daniel Vasilevski
4 Angelo Costanzo		3 Rodrigo Vargas
5 Dominic Longo		4 Sasa Ognenovskii
6 Pan-Keun Kim (10 John Maisano '85')		5 Jason Vukadin
9 Norman Tome (22 K Trajanovski 78')		6 Joey Rajher (8 Dragi Nastevski 72')
12 Saso Radulovic		18 Andy Vargas
19 Brendan Renaud		22 Toto Da Costa (26 Andrew Marth 66')
32 Simon Bell (17 John Gibson 85')		25 Adrian Cervinski
25 Archie Thompson		27 Ivan Jolic
26 Todd Brodie		28 Lubo Lapsanksy

Referee: Mark Shield

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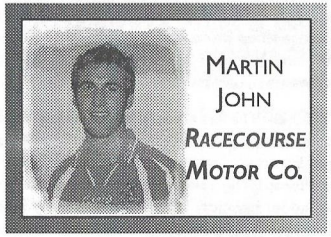

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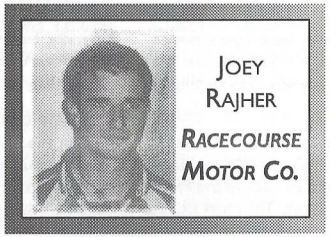

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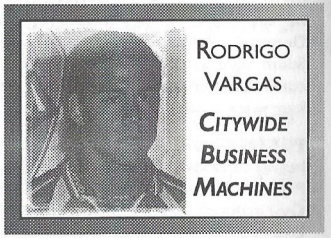

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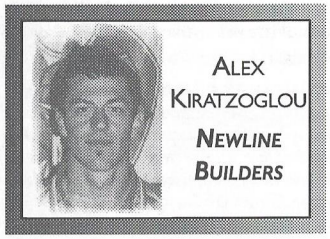

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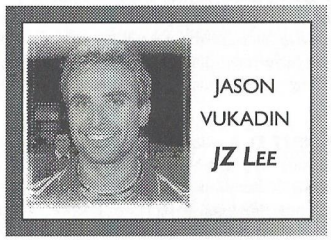

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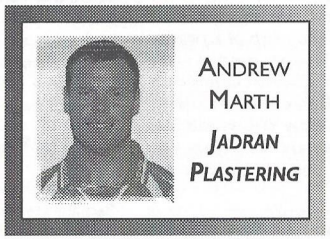

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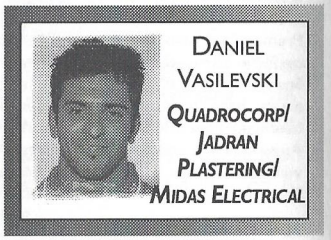

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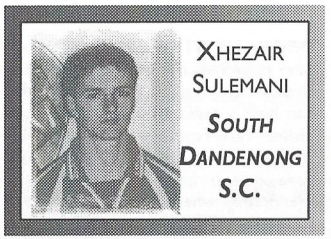

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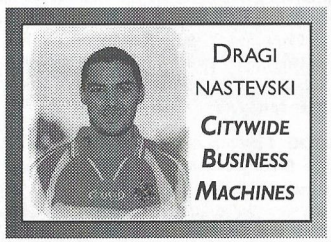

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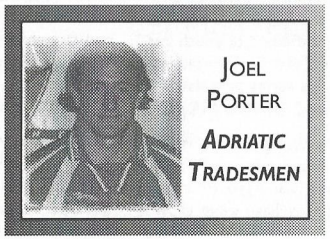

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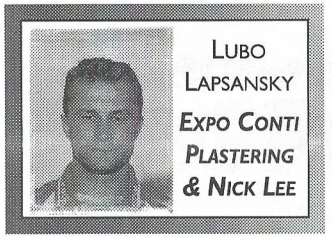

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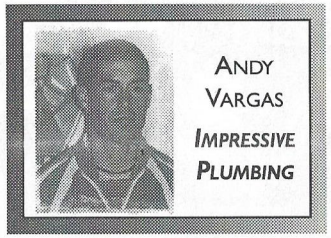

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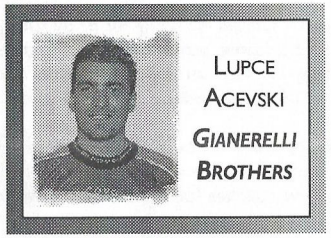

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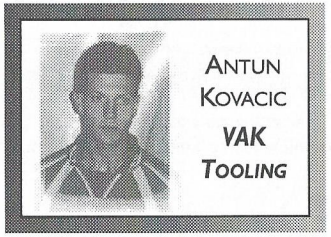

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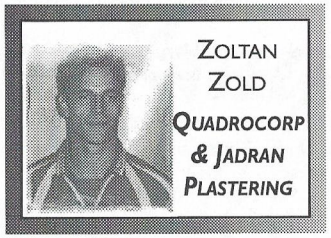

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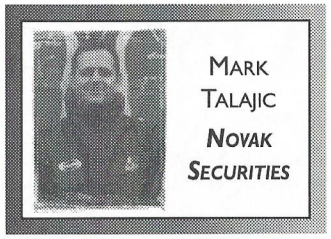

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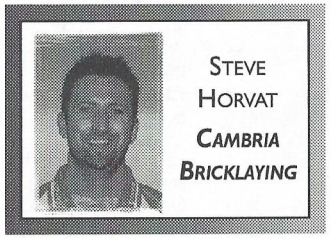

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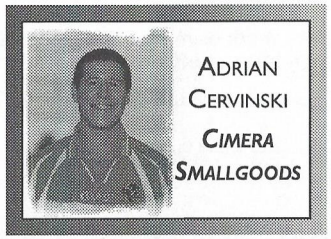

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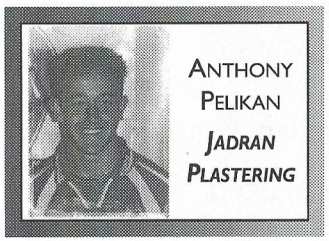

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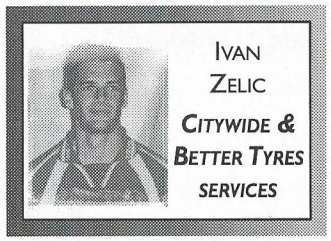

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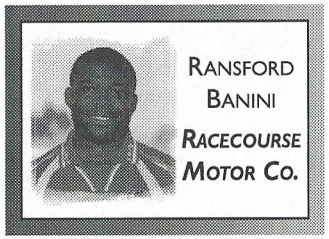

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Opposition Focus

Newcastle United is playing for pride today in the final round of the NSL home and away season. Lee Sterrey will also be coaching his last game for the club and consequently a number of players will be playing for their NSL futures.

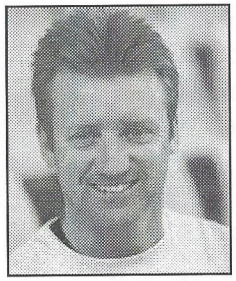
No doubt there will be a number of interested onlookers for today's match, with both the Knights and United expected to name new coaches for the 2001/02 season.

The uncertainty surrounding United over the winter break has proved catastrophic, with high profiled players Greg Owens (Sydney Olympic) and Shane Pryce (Perth Glory) both leaving the club on the eve of the season.

Long term injuries to attackers Andy Harper and Esala Masi earlier in the season and now Anthony Magnacca have not helped Sterrey's cause, with John Buonavoglia the only striker to play out the full season.

Andy Roberts and Buonavoglia have been two of the shining lights in an otherwise dismal season for United. The likes of Peter Tsekenis, Travis Dodd, Chris Zoricich and Vasco Trpcevski will want to finish off the season on a high after relatively disappointing season's by their own admission.

Lee Sterrey - NSL coaching career



Lee Sterrey has not been able to match his feats of last season.

Matches: 88
Clubs: Newcastle United
Record: *29 wins, 24 draws, 35 losses*

Lee Sterrey was born and raised in Sydney and came through the junior ranks at Sydney United. He won 2 NSW championships as a player with United in 1981/82.

He played 101 NSL games with Sydney United, Marconi Stallions and Blacktown City, between 1984 and 1989.

He coached Marconi Stallions Youth team throughout the early 1990,s, and was assistant coach to Zoran Matic at Marconi in season 1997/98.

Sterrey will officially part company with the club after today's match.

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D-O-B:	9/7/83
School:	Strathmore Secondary College
Playing Position:	Midfield
Started playing:	Age 5 in 1988
Previous Clubs:	Green Gully U16's, Melb Knights U7's
Achievements:	Champions 3 times - Knights Academy Team Victorian Champions U14's - Melb Knights Reserves Victorian Representative - Western Region Representative
Most Admired NSL Player:	Chad Gibson
Most Admired overseas player:	Joe Simunic (Hertha Berlin)
Favorite Overseas Club:	Dinamo Zagreb
Favorite Food:	Slanina (Croatian food)
Favorite Drink:	Big M Iced Coffee and Coke
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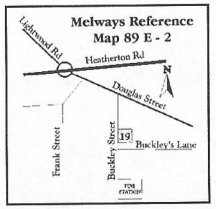

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National Youth League

By Roy Hay

Melbourne Knights Academy 3 South Dandenong 0

Melbourne Knights Academy beat South Dandenong by three goals to nil in Round 27 of the Southern Division played on Anzac Day. The Knights had senior played Ivan Razov sent off but still managed to score three times in the second half. Sam Kalakias got two in 58 and 74 minutes, while Tom Skupnjak got the other in 88 minutes. The man of the match was Haris Vrbovac for the Academy well supported by Sam Kalakias and Misumi Nishida.

South Melbourne Eagles Academy 3 Bulleen Zebras 1

South Melbourne Eagles Academy downed Bulleen Zebras by three goals to one. Damien Petta gave the Bulleen the lead after 55 minutes, following a tight, scoreless first half. Then Spiro Athanasopoulos scored twice for the Eagles to put them in front in 64 and 74 minutes, followed by the decisive third goal from Stefan Piorkowski in 78.

VIS 0 South Melbourne 2

In a high quality game South Melbourne overcame the VIS by two goals to nil in a match which finished in near darkness. The VIS had the better of the first half but could not break through the South defence. In the second half the Blues began to dominate and scored twice through Marco Sentili in 51 minutes and Steven Pace in 67. VIS coach Aaron Healey said, 'South Melbourne were just too strong for us in the second half.'

Albury Wodonga 4 Peninsula Blues 1

Albury Wodonga Warriors beat Peninsula Blues by four goals to one at Myrtleford. David Alfonso gave the home team a perfect start with a goal after only four minutes. Matt Vaccaro put the Warriors further ahead after 23 minutes and just on the stroke of half time Jose Virquez pulled a goal back for the Blues. The second half saw the home team get well on top with further goals by Quentin O'Grady in 53 minutes and Simon Vesicio in 62. Blues coach Gus McLeod said the Warriors thoroughly deserved the win but pointed out that his younger players were just stepping up to this level at the end of the season.

Southern Division 2000-01 ~ Round Twenty-Seven

Melbourne Knights Academy 3
(S Kalakias 2, T Skupnjak)
Sth Dandenong 0

VIS 0
South Melbourne 2 (M Sentili, S Pace)

Fawkner Blues
Melbourne Knights
Match postponed due to inclement weather.

South Melb Eagles Acad 3
(S Athanasopoulos 2, S Piorkowski)
Bulleen Zebras 1 (D Petta)

Albury Wodonga 4
(D Alfonso, M Vaccaro, Q O'Grady, S Vesicio)
Peninsula Blues 1 (J Virquez)

Leading Goalscorers
Southern Division

26 goals:	Steve Manceski (South Melbourne)
19 goals:	Dimitri Tsiaras (Sth Melbourne)
16 goals:	Denis Mustac (Eastern Pride)
13 goals:	Nick Waite (Carlton Peninsula Blues)
12 goals:	Alef El Dib (Sth Melb Eagles Acad)
11 goals:	Robert Dolevski (Preston Lions)
10 goals:	**Ben Cogger (Melb Knights)**

NB This list includes goals scored for and against Carlton/Whittlesea Stallion

National Youth League Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**Sth Melb Institute**	22	20	0	2	+97	60
2	**Eastern Pride**	21	17	2	2	+55	53
3	**Melbourne Knights**	22	15	1	6	+38	46
4	**VIS**	24	13	4	7	+19	43
5	**Melbourne Knights Acad**	22	11	2	9	-3	35
6	Peninsula Blues	21	11	1	9	+12	34
7	South Melb Eagles Academy	23	9	2	12	-11	29
8	South Dandenong	20	8	3	9	-12	27
9	Green Gully Cavaliers	22	7	4	11	-13	25
10	Albury Wodonga	24	5	4	15	-34	19
11	Bulleen Zebras	24	4	5	15	-38	17
12	Preston Lions	22	5	1	16	-69	16
12	Fawkner Blues	21	4	1	16	-41	13

Carlton/Whittlesea Stallions withdrawn from league

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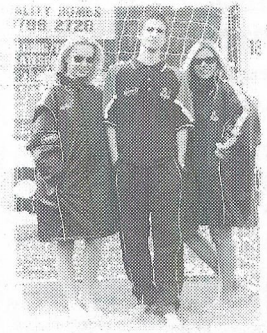

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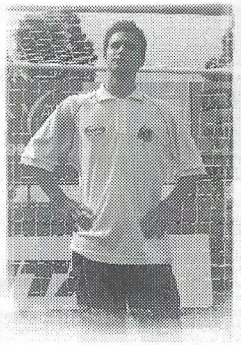

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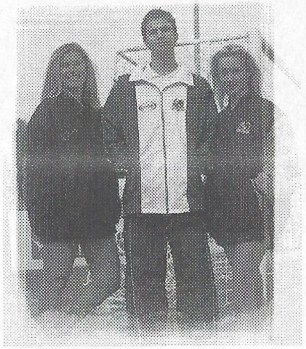

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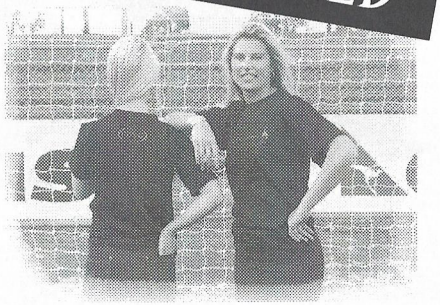

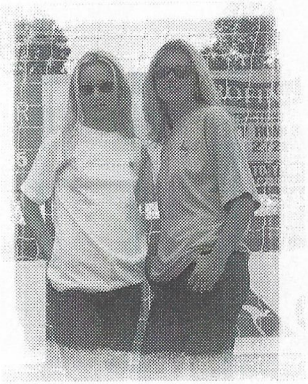

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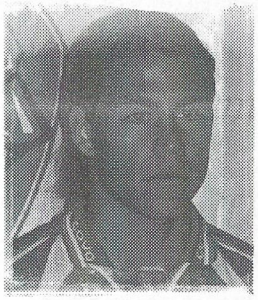
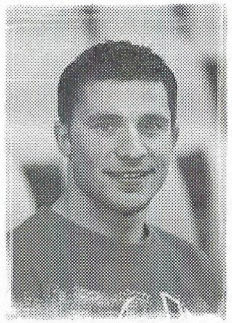
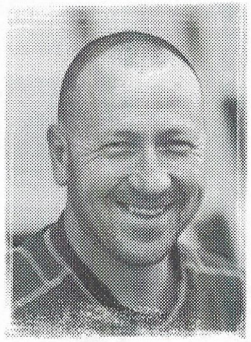




RODY VARGAS V JOHN BUONAVOGLIO

This is a battle between two of the most consistent players in the NSL. John Buonavoglio, despite his tireless work up forward, hasn't had the same impact he did last season when Newcastle almost crept into the finals. Nevertheless, he always works hard and presents himself, which makes him a difficult player to mark. Rodrigo Vargas has been the equivalent of a glove for the Knights this season, and nobody will appreciate today's tough assignment more than Rody himself, with the finals just a week away.



LUPCE ACEVSKI V BOB CATLIN

One of the NSL's oldest against one of the youngest. Bobby Catlin may well be playing his last NSL game. Lupce Acevski has had a brilliant season, and has made it extremely difficult for Martin John to stake a first team claim since coming back from injury. Catlin has played almost 340 matches and has kept over a hundred clean sheets (both NSL records). He was also the first keeper to score in the NSL for Leichardt in 1984. Acevski on the other hand has notched up 32 NSL matches, most of them this season. He could be the X-factor in the playoffs.

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Fixtures & Results

Round 1 - Saturday, October 14
Brisbane Strikers 1 (Grierson 58')
Melbourne Knights 2 (A.Vargas 41', Sulemani 69')
Suncorp Metway Stadium. Crowd: 2,349

Round 2 - Sunday, October 22
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 44', Porter 55')
Parramatta Power 1 (Griffiths 75' pen)
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,980

Round 3 - Saturday, October 28
Canberra Cosmos 3 (Hagger 52', Scott 63', Castro 77')
Melbourne Knights 0
Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,550

Round 4 - Sunday, November 5
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 79')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (Horsely 41', Reid 42')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,863

Round 5 - Sunday, November 12
South Melbourne 4
(Trimboli 14' pen, 32' pen, Panapoulos 49', Boutsianis 60')
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 85')
Bob Jane Stadium. Crowd: 10.623

Round 6 - Sunday, November 19
Melbourne Knights 4
(A.Vargas 13', Da Costa 25', Porter 50', Kiratzoglou 65')
Sydney United 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,180

Round 7 - Sunday, November 26
Sydney Olympic 1 (Goutzioulis 93')
Melbourne Knights 0
Belmore Sports Ground. Crowd: 6,182

Round 8 - Sunday, December 3
Melbourne Knights 2 (Cervinski 54', A.Vargas 93')
Eastern Pride 1 (Magdic O.G. 51')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,178

Round 9 - Friday, December 8
Kingz FC 2 (Burton 84', Rufer 88')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 33', Cervinski 89')
Ericsson Stadium. Crowd: 5,559

Round 10 - Sunday, December 17
Melbourne Knights 1 (Porter 65')
Northern Spirit 1 (Burgess 48')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,320

Round 11 - Friday, December 22
Adelaide City Force 3
(Vidmar 5', Tunbridge 17', Pantelis 83')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 43' pen, Porter 75')
Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,930

Round 12 - Sunday, December 30
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 17')
Perth Glory 1 (Milicevic 13')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,871

Round 13
Melbourne Knights vs. BYE

Round 14 - Sunday, January 14
Melbourne Knights 1 (Porter 38')
Marconi Stallions 4
(Thompson 51', 67', Care 72', Brownlie 80')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,287

Round 15 - Friday, January 19
Newcastle United 1 (Buonavoglia 61')
Melbourne Knights 5 (Da Costa 1', 14', Porter 8', Marth 47', Cervinski 84')
Marathon Stadium. Crowd: 6,875

Round 16 - Sunday, January 28
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 57' pen, Cervinski 77')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (Harris 59')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,728

Round 17 - Friday, February 2
Parramatta Power 1 (Blagojevic 85')
Melbourne Knights 3 (Cervinski 1', 68', 86')
Parramatta Stadium. Crowd: 2,475

Round 18 - Sunday, February 11
Melbourne Knights 2 (Da Costa 16', Porter 65')
Canberra Cosmos 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,098

Round 19 - Saturday, February 17
Wollongong Wolves 5
(Young 17', 65', Petrovski 26', 60', Chipperfield 73')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 24', Cervinski 75')
WIN Stadium. Crowd: 5,459

Round 20 - Friday, February 23 7.30pm
Melbourne Knights 4 (Da Costa 17', Cervinski 19', Porter 21', Lapsansky 54')
South Melbourne 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 7,320

Round 21 - Sunday, March 4 4pm
Sydney United 0
Melbourne Knights 1(Porter 24')
Sydney United Sports Centre. Crowd: 4,218

Round 22 - Friday, March 9 7.30pm
Melbourne Knights 2 (Cervinski 40', Da Costa 66')
Sydney Olympic 3
(Marusic 09', Augerinos 52', Cardozo 77')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,321

Round 23 - Saturday, March 17 7pm
Eastern Pride 2 (Sekulovski 23' pen, Fak 90')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 53', Da Costa 55')
Mobil Park. Crowd: 1,161

Round 24 - Sunday, March 25 6pm
Melbourne Knights 2 (Rajher 10', Pelikan 54')
Kingz FC 2 (Ibrahim 16', Lines 73')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,226

Round 25 - Friday, March 30 7.30pm
Northern Spirit 1 (Howson 73')
Melbourne Knights 4 (R Vargas 20', Lapsansky 23', Marth 67', Porter 76')
Nth Sydney Oval. Crowd: 3,119

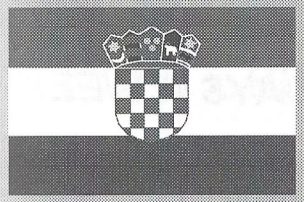
Round 26 - Sunday, April 8 6pm
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 21')
Adelaide City Force 1 (Pantelis 31')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,310

Round 27 - Saturday, April 14 7pm
Perth Glory 1 (Despotovski 23')
Melbourne Knights 0
Perth Oval. Crowd: 13,170

Round 28
Melbourne Knights v BYE

Round 29 - Wednesday, April 25 7pm
Marconi Stallions 0
Melbourne Knights 0
Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,728

Round 30 - Sunday, April 29 3pm
Melbourne Knights
Newcastle United
Knights Stadium.



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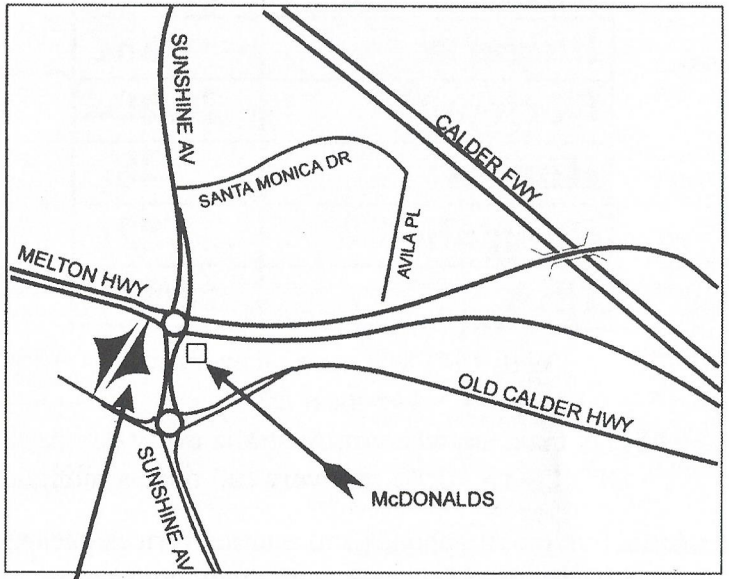

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Review - Round 29

Kingz FC 1 (A Silva 11')
South Melbourne 6 (V Kalogeracos 18', 27', A Vlahos 68', S Colosimo 73', 80', Z Susa 84')
Venue: Ericsson Stadium
Crowd: 8,738

Sydney Olympic 2
(S Baillie 20', G Goutzioulis 59')
Newcastle United 2
(A Harper 43', A Roberts 51')
Venue: Belmore Sports Ground
Crowd: 3,963

Adelaide City 6 (C Pelosi 14',66', L Pantelis 23', D Terminello 79', 84', Brain 91'+)
Canberra Cosmos 0
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 2,623

Northern Spirit 0
Wollongong Wolves 4 (M Horsley 45', S Chipperfield 47' pen, S Petrovski 56', 66')
Venue: North Sydney Oval
Crowd: 2,849

Perth Glory 0
Parramatta Power 1 (M Thomspson 32')
Venue: Perth Oval
Crowd: 16,422

Marconi Stallions 0
Melbourne Knights 0
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 4,728

Eastern Pride 0
Sydney United 3
*Match cancelled
(match awarded 3-0 to Sydney United)

NSL Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**South Melbourne**	29	18	6	3	+42	66
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3	**Wollongong Wolves**	29	15	7	5	+37	58
4	**Sydney Olympic**	29	14	6	7	+18	54
5	**Marconi Stallions**	29	11	8	8	+8	47
6	**Melbourne Knights**	29	11	7	9	+13	46
7	Adelaide City Force	29	10	7	10	+4	43
8	Sydney United	29	10	6	11	-8	42
9	Kingz FC	29	9	7	11	-2	40
10	Parramatta Power	29	11	3	14	-5	39
11	Canberra Cosmos	29	9	4	14	-3	37
12	Brisbane Strikers	29	7	8	12	-3	35
13	Northern Spirit	29	6	8	13	-7	32
14	Newcastle United	29	5	9	13	-17	30
15	Eastern Pride	29	3	5	19	-26	20

Leading Goalscorers:

Damian Mori (*Perth Glory*)	19
Bobby Despotovski (*Perth Glory*)	17
Saso Petrovski (*W'gong Wolves*)	17
Ben Burgess (*Northern Spirit*)	15
Stuart Young (*W'gong Wolves*)	13
Scott Chipperfield (*W'gong Wolves*)	13
Archie Thompson (*Marconi*)	12
Andrew Vlahos (*South Melbourne*)	12
Pablo Cardozo (*Sydney Olympic*)	11
Toto Da Costa (*Melb Knights*)	**11**
Jeromy Harris (*Brisbane Strikers*)	11

Knights Abroad

- **MARK VIDUKA** played a full match as Leeds United advanced to the semi finals, losing the second leg quarterfinal to Deportivo La Coruna 2-0 away, but victorious 3-0 on aggregate. Leeds will now meet another Spanish Club, Valencia, over two legs, the first at home May 2, and the second away May 8. Viduka was rested for Leeds Premier League match against West Ham United with Leeds' busy schedule set to continue over the next month.

- Former Sydney United keeper **ZELJKO KALAC** played a full game, as Roda JC drew 1-1 at home to Ajax. For Ajax, former Knights and North Geelong Warriors keeper **JOEY DIDULICA** remained on the bench. Ajax is currently in fourth position on the league ladder.

- **FRANK JURIC** played a full match, as Bayer Leverkusen drew 1-1 at home with Hamburg, the result keeping Leverkusen on course for European competition next season, in 4th place.

- **JOSIP SIMUNIC** came off the bench in the 68th minute, and picked up a yellow card almost straight away, as Hertha Berlin lost 3-1 away to Schalke; despite the loss, Hertha is still in contention for European competition next season.

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Player Profile

Name:	*Jason Vukadin*
Nickname:	*Jase*
D-O-B:	*21/8/78*
Star sign:	*Leo*
Place of birth:	*Melbourne*
Ethnic Origin:	*Croatian*
Occupation:	*Electrician/Full-time Soccer player*
Marital status:	*Single*
Height:	*176cm*
Weight:	*80kg*
Position:	*Defender*
Brand soccer boot worn:	*Adidas*
Clubs played for:	*St Albans Saints, Melbourne Knights*
Career highlight to date:	*Winning league with St Albans, Captaining Melbourne Knights and Aust U20's schoolboys*
Favourite actor:	*Robert De Nero*
Favorite TV show:	*Temptation Island*
Favorite comedian:	*Mark Silic*
Favourite magazine:	*FHM*
Favourite food:	*Chicken Schnitzel and mashed potatoes*
Favourite drink (non-alcoholic):	*Coke*
Favourite drink (alcoholic):	*Beer*
Favourite overseas player:	*Josip Simunic*
Favourite overseas team:	*Liverpool*
Most admired Australian (OS):	*Josip Simunic*
Major influences:	*Mum & Dad*

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